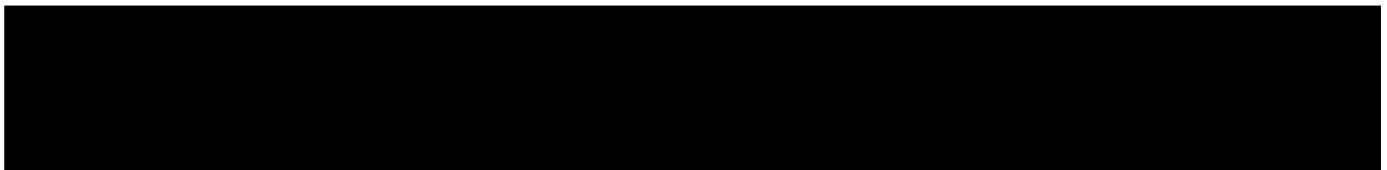


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PHOTOGRAPHIC INTELLIGENCE BRIEF
CIA/RR-HTA

INSTALLATION: Railroad Line Under Construction
LOCATION: Gur'yev to Astrakan, USSR
B. E. NUMBER: None
WAC NUMBER: 247 and 248

BRIEF NO.: B-1-58
DATE: 30 January 1958
LAT.: 47°07'N to 46°22'N
LONG.: 51°56'E to 48°04'E



REFERENCES:

USSR Railroad Systems, 1956. CIA Map 13739 7-55 (1st rev. 12-56)
USSR Railroads. NIS Map 16074, AMS, 11-50

REQUIREMENT RR/HTA/G/R14/57: Determine status of railroad under construction from Gur'yev to Astrakhan.

REMARKS:

A railroad is under construction north of the Caspian Sea between Gur'yev and Astrakhan. Construction has progressed on the railroad bed for approximately 60 kilometers west of Gur'yev (47°07'N - 51°56'E) toward Astrakhan (46°22'N - 48°04'E). Although hazy, small scale photography prohibits determination of a precise alignment, the railroad bed appears to run west-northwest out of Gur'yev for approximately 15 kilometers to the bank of the Baksay River, at a point approximately 10 kilometers south of Lake Dzhaltyr.

However, construction operations possibly have been suspended. There are no apparent signs of current construction activity. Tracks have not been laid, bridges have not been constructed at stream crossings, and there are indications of severe erosion of the roadbed.

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